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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Applicant : Ning Hu et al.

Serial No.: 10/723,431

In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Final Office Action mailed October 26, 2007, said period of response being extended from January 26, 2008 to April 26, 2008 (a Saturday).

Applicant will pay \$1050.00 for the extension fee at the time of electronic filing. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account 50-3503.

Respectfully submitted,

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